

REMARKS

Claims 91-113 are now pending in the application. Claims 43-59, 73, and 85-90 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 91-113 are added by this amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview granted on July 23, 2008. During the interview, it was discussed whether new claims would be considered after final, and the Examiner indicated it would not. Applicants accordingly file a request for continued examination and this amendment for consideration by the Examiner.

SPECIFICATION

The preliminary amendment filed 5/11/2004 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended the Abstract and submit that the Office's objection to the specification should now be withdrawn. The application includes no additional new subject matter and, therefore, should be given priority to the filing date of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/915,248, filed on July 25, 2001, as originally submitted. Applicants submit that support for the Abstract as currently amended can be found in the application as filed in 2001 including paragraphs 19-21 and 37 and the claims.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 are canceled, therefore, these rejections are rendered moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 are canceled, therefore, these rejections are rendered moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kendig (U.S. Pat. No. 6,716,370). Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Tomlinson (U.S. Pat. No. 5,759,244) or Tomlinson (U.S. Pat. 5,964,928) or Ahearn, Jr. et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,205,922) or Verma et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,024,892) or Verma (U.S. Pat. No. 6,503,420) or Dolan (U.S. Pat. No. 5,449,415) or McCormick et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,261,622) or Minevski et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,500,276). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 43-59, 73 and 85-90 are canceled, therefore, these rejections are rendered moot.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 91-113 are added by this amendment and supported by the application as filed. Claims 91-105 includes subject matter similar to canceled Claims 43, 52, 53, and 57.

New Claims 106-113 are also supported by the application as filed, including at least paragraphs 21 and 40-43.

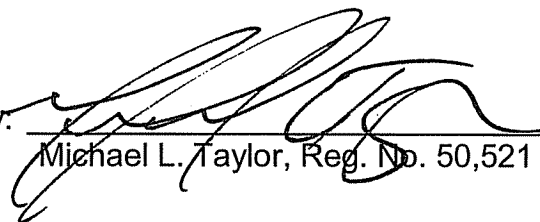
Applicants submit that the new claims are in condition for allowance in light of the cited art. For example, independent Claim 91 recites "placing a corrosion inhibitor near the metal substrate . . . wherein the corrosion inhibitor includes a supramolecular oxo-anion." New Claim 106 recites "providing a metallic salt of a supramolecular oxo-anion." Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art, alone or in combination, does not anticipate or fairly render obvious either of independent Claims 91 or 106. Accordingly, these independent claims, and each of the claims that depend directly or indirectly therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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